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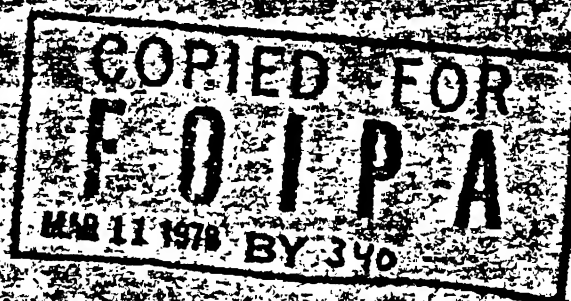
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May 5, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED  
U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. T. Prater dated February 10, 1942 at New York City entitled, "World Tourists, Incorporated; Jacob Raisin, with aliases; U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation; John Hazard Reynolds, with aliases; Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, with aliases; Earl L. Spector, with alias; Registration Act, Espionage - R" New York file 97-13. There are numerous leads set forth in this report which have apparently received no investigative attention whatever. On January 15, 1944 Special Agent William Francis Eorton, Jr. submitted a closing report at New York City entitled, "Jacob Raisin, with aliases; Internal Security - C" indicating that Raisin, who was the director and sole stockholder of World Tourists, Incorporated, had died on November 25, 1943 in New York City.

The Bureau file on World Tourists, Incorporated and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, does not contain any information regarding the current activities of either organization. It is desired that this case be brought up to date at once and a complete report submitted showing the recent and current activities of these two affiliated concerns as well as complete data regarding their personnel. All of those who are using the services of these companies to send material to Russia should be identified and their activities developed. This, of course, applies both to individuals and various concerns about the country which may be acting as subagents for World Tourists, Incorporated. It would appear that World Tourists, Incorporated and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation are still in operation as on April 3, 1944 Konstantin Fedoseev, who is listed as a translator at the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., in answer to an inquiry made to the Embassy regarding the shipment of material to Russia, stated that this could be done through World Tourists, Incorporated, 1123 Broadway, New York City and the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The investigation of these two organizations is to be conducted primarily from an Internal Security standpoint in order that the Bureau may be apprised of the activities of these concerns and their personnel and any connections with the Communist Party, members or fronts thereof, or official Soviet representatives. Although it is desired that full intelligence information be developed in this investigation it should be kept in mind that a violation of a federal statute may be developed which will warrant prosecution, particularly the Foreign Agents

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
U. S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION;  
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1944, in which you were instructed to bring the captioned case up to date and to submit a complete report showing the recent and current activities of these two affiliated concerns as well as complete data regarding their personnel.

A review of the Bureau's files does not reflect the receipt of such a report. Early attention should be afforded this case and a report submitted in the near future.

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RE: WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED;  
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Inspector HARBO

On May 5, 1944, the Bureau pointed out that this file did not contain any information regarding the current activities of the subject organizations. These Companies are known to have been used by the Russians in the shipment of material. In fact, it is known that the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. has recommended the use of these Companies.

On August 2, 1944, the Bureau directed attention of the New York Office to the failure to submit a report in this case and requested that a report be submitted in the near future. The Bureau has not been apprised of the inability to comply with its instructions. An explanation is desired for the failure to afford this case appropriate attention.

SAC E. E. CONROY  
Super. J.R. MALLEY

The instant case was assigned to Special Agent Robert H. Flatley on May 22, 1944, shortly after the letter from the Bureau was received on May 5, 1944 requesting that this case be brought up to date. It was necessary to utilize this Agent on a physical surveillance for a period of several months and for this reason he was unable to devote his investigative attention to this case. This Agent was recently transferred from Section #7 in compliance with the six months rule whereby an Agent must be given a different type of investigative activity. This case will be re-assigned and an investigative report submitted as quickly as possible.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/18/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/18; 10/3, 4/44	REPORT MADE BY HERBERT K. GARGES
TITLE CHANGED: WORLD TOURISTS, INC.; US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION; JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases: John H. Reynolds, J. H. Reynolds, Jack Reynolds; ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, with aliases: Elizabeth T. Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley; MAX L. SPECTOR, alias M. L. Spector			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b> WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently engaged in shipping service between US and Soviet Russia. Former president, JACOB GOLOS, died November 1943. Office of president has remained vacant to date. Activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently directed by subject ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. Financial activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. set out. US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION remains active as package shipping agency, arranging for shipments of packages to Soviet Russia. President JOHN H. REYNOLDS, presently on duty with US Army, holds rank of major. Activities of US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION presently being directed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Vice President and Secretary. Financial activities set out. Monthly average for 1943 of transfer of funds by US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION to INTOURIST, Soviet Russia, \$3,600; for first nine months 1944, \$5,200.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
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DETAILS: At New York, New York:-

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the elimination of the name JACOB RAISIN, with aliases, in view of his death in 1943.

For the sake of brevity, the US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION will, in this report, be referred to as the USS&S CORPORATION.

In an article entitled "JACOB GOLOS, Long Advocate of US-Soviet Amity, Dies Here", taken from the "Daily Worker" dated November 27th, 1943, the following excerpt appeared:

"In the past dozen years he was connected with the WORLD TOURISTS, cooperating in promoting travel to the Soviet Union. Through this agency many organized groups of teachers and professional workers went to the Soviet Union and learned of the democratic strength and progress of that great nation. This proved to be a big contribution to better understanding. Since travel has been cut off by the war, the WORLD TOURISTS have performed a fine function in organizing the sending of packages to individuals in the Soviet Union whom Americans know and want gifts and remembrances sent to. GOLOS was busy in directing this work when death overtook him."

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following information:

As of August 1st, 1944 the following officer set-up of WORLD TOURISTS, INC was reported:

President	-	Vacant
Vice President	-	Major JOHN H. REYNOLDS
Secretary	-	ELIZABETH BENTLEY

WORLD TOURISTS, INC is presently located in Room 607, 1123 Broadway, New York City, and is engaged in selling steamship tickets and travel service throughout Mexico, Florida, Cuba, and South American points, and its principal activity consists of handling packages being shipped to the USSR.

Confidential Informant T-1 also furnished the following information concerning the USS&S CORPORATION:

As of June 17th, 1943 the following officers of the USS&S CORPORATION were reported:

JOHN H. REYNOLDS	-	President and Treasurer
ELIZABETH BENTLEY	-	Vice President and Secretary, and Acting President
GRACE F. (MRS. JOHN H.) REYNOLDS	-	Vice President

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The Directors consisted of the officers named above and CHARLES S. BANNERMAN.

The USS&S CORPORATION, located at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was engaged as of June 17th, 1943 in the shipment of packages from the United States to Soviet Russia. It was described as the sole agency for the Tourist Agency of Soviet Russia and collects duties and fees for that government.

Confidential Informant T-2 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. at the Corn Exchange Bank:

<u>Deposits</u>		<u>Balances</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1942		10/10/42	\$ 1,555.08
November	\$ 3,109.90	11/1/42	1,410.87
December	2,625.30	12/1/42	1,955.45
1943			
January	3,758.00	1/1/43	1,461.92
February	4,598.02	2/1/43	2,335.27
March	8,536.97	3/1/43	2,786.09
April	7,476.28	4/1/43	5,850.98
May	4,701.33	5/1/43	2,522.78
June	8,336.88	6/1/43	2,738.62
July	10,544.60	7/1/43	3,260.86
August	8,037.31	8/1/43	2,200.52
September	12,205.16	9/1/43	9,077.23
October	5,788.68	10/1/43	8,309.85
November	14,480.39	11/1/43	7,814.24
December	6,009.23	12/1/43	8,285.15
1944			
January	7,806.45	1/1/44	8,056.52
February	7,217.74	2/1/44	8,093.59
March	9,038.77	3/1/44	5,305.89
April	12,660.12	4/1/44	3,366.31
May	10,046.95	5/1/44	7,843.53
June	14,562.06	6/1/44	9,170.75
July	9,664.77	7/1/44	17,917.70
August	11,895.36	8/1/44	13,570.12
September	9,952.36	9/1/44	10,643.72
October		10/1/44	13,393.63

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The following withdrawals by check were made during the month of September 1944:

Check #	Date	Amount	Payee	Remarks
A 18542	9/1/44	\$ 10.72	Cash	Reimbursing petty cash
A 18540	"	145.00	Harold Const. Corp.	Rent
A 19018	8/19/44	7.69	Isador <del>Saul</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 19000	8/9/44	1.46	Mrs. A. <del>Safor</del>	"
A 18545	9/1/44	122.17	Cash	Payroll for week
A 18541	9/1/44	4.25	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	2 invoices less 1% discount
A 18547	9/5/44	65.80	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899184, 8263729
A 18546	9/2/44	1.46	J. <del>Garfinkle</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 18549	9/5/44	14.19	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Statement
A 18556	9/6/44	1.50	"	1 invoice
A 18561	9/6/44	52.90	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899185
A 18543	9/1/44	9.57	Inter-City Container Co.	Invoice
A 18587	9/7/44	33.33	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 19023	8/21/44	13.99	Lena <del>Berkowitz</del>	Refund on Parcel
A 18589	9/7/44	477.18	USS&S CORPORATION	Lic. #12226-50
A 18565	"	428.30	"	Lic. #12201-25
A 18586	"	348.16	"	Lic. #12176-12200
A 18570	"	467.20	"	Lic. #12276-12300
A 18544	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18555	9/5/44	1.00	"	"
A 18539	9/1/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #7498 & 3825
A 18548	9/5/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #5976 & 5978
A 18564	9/5/44	10.50	"	cc Lic. etc
A 18568	9/1/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18568	9/7/44	348.89	"	Lic. #12251-75
A 18560	9/6/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18564	9/6/44	534.42	"	Lic. #12151-12175
A 18571	9/7/44	570.00	"	Lic. #12301-25
A 18569	9/6/44	10.00	Arrow Office & Window Cleaning Company	Bill
A 18574	9/9/44	177.43	Cash	Payroll for week
#61	8/22/44	49.25	Samuel <del>Watkin</del>	Refund
A 19011	8/12/44	24.26	Louis <del>Reinstein</del>	"
A 18553	9/5/44	19.25	Louis <del>Simon</del>	"
A 18550	9/5/44	2.00	Crescent Towel Supply Co.	Bill
A 18573	9/9/44	6.15	Klein-Heimbinder Co.	Invoice
A 18578	9/16/44	207.48	Cash	Payroll for Week
A 18563	9/6/44	11.72	Victor <del>Schen</del>	Refund
A 18577	9/2/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18561	9/5/44	13.40	Tabert B. <del>Keleman</del>	Refund
A 19022	8/21/44	1.00	E. <del>Nekludova</del>	"

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Check #	Date	Amount	Payee	Remarks
A 18582	9/16/44	\$ 225.00	Joseph <del>Pauli</del>	Accounting
A 18592	9/19/44	25.23	Cash	Petty cash fund
A 18588	9/18/44	655.87	USS&S CORPORATION	Lic. #12326-50
A 18583	9/18/44	108.70	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899189, etc.
A 18572	9/8/44	5.24	Mrs. A. <del>Telbukor</del>	Refund
A 18589	9/18/44	437.99	USS&S CORPORATION	License
A 18575	9/12/44	73.50	"	"
A 18576	9/12/44	1.00	"	Change
A 18590	9/18/44	7.00	"	cc License
A 18584	9/18/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18585	9/18/44	1.00	NY Telephone Co.	Directory Advertising 9/1/44
A 18586	9/18/44	20.20	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 18594	9/20/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18595	9/20/44	73.73	New Union Press.	Invoice
A 18598	9/21/44	181.36	Cash	Weekly payroll
A 18601	9/22/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18596	9/21/44	27.90	"	"
A 18600	9/21/44	3.50	USS&S CORPORATION	cc Lic.
A 18597	9/21/44	450.29	"	License
A 18591	9/19/44	430.78	"	"
A 18562	9/6/44	1.72	Tatiana <del>Paddama</del>	Refund
A 18579	9/16/44	2.99	Philip <del>Cohen</del>	"
A 18587	9/18/44	19.25	Harry <del>Kaplowitz</del>	"
A 18610	9/30/44	9.13	Cash	Petty Cash Fund
A 18599	9/21/44	181.36	Cash	Weekly payroll

During the period of the above withdrawals, the following deposits were

made:

Date	Amount
9/1/44	\$ 210.96
9/5/44	1,250.59
9/6/44	350.61
9/7/44	346.60
9/8/44	164.95
9/11/44	1,463.77
9/12/44	617.84
9/13/44	250.97
9/14/44	283.08
9/16/44	382.72
9/18/44	568.32
9/19/44	488.32
9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.73
9/22/44	212.68

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Deposits (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/23/44	\$ 407.44
9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	282.66
9/30/44	193.82
	<u>\$9,952.36</u>

The major portion of the above deposits were made in cash and the balance in checks. Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that the monthly bank statements of WORLD TOURISTS were picked up at the bank personally by either EDITH VILENTZ or E. L. BRAUFELD.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of the USS&S CORPORATION at the Chase National Bank.

The USS&S CORPORATION has both a regular checking account and a special checking account. The special checking account, opened June 23rd, 1941, has had an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The regular checking account, opened March 4th, 1941, has had the following monthly balances since its opening:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
January	\$ 7,800.	\$ 4,100.	\$ 5,400.	\$11,200.
February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	5,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	5,900.	7,300.	12,100.
June	23,400.	6,200.	6,600.	11,800.
July	14,500.	7,300.	6,900.	10,400.
August	6,200.	7,100.	--	
September	4,700.	7,100.	5,700.	
October	4,400.	6,500.	8,000.	
November	4,500.	6,500.	9,000.	
December	4,900.	6,100.	10,900.	
Average	8,300.	6,100.	6,200.	12,000.

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Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the transfer of funds to the STATE BANK OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, by the USS&S CORPORATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/5/42	\$ 1,700.
7/9/42	2,300.
8/10/42	2,300.
9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
4/15/43	3,630.
5/10/43	3,400.
6/10/43	2,000.
7/12/43	3,600.
8/10/43	5,400.
9/13/43	6,300.
10/9/43	4,300.
11/10/43	6,400.
12/10/43	3,800.
1/10/44	3,600.
2/14/44	4,500.
3/14/44	3,900.
4/10/44	5,400.
5/10/44	4,900.
6/9/44	5,100.
7/13/44	7,800.

A review of the records made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflected that the monthly average of funds transferred to the STATE BANK, Moscow, Russia, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, for 1943 was \$3,600 and for the first nine months in 1944 was \$5,200.

Mr. DANIEL LUXENBURG, of Spear and Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he was no longer real estate agent for the building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, inasmuch as the building had recently been sold. He advised that the agent for the new owners is OLMIA PROPERTIES, INC., 30 Broad Street, New York City.



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Mr. LUXEMBURG advised that he had no information regarding the present activities of the USS&S CORPORATION, which occupies office space at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, but stated that he knew JOHN H. REYNOLDS and advised that Mr. REYNOLDS is now a major in the United States Army and is believed to be stationed at Staten Island at the present time. He advised that he has seen nothing of a suspicious nature regarding the activities of the USS&S CORPORATION and could furnish no further information.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:-

Will attempt to locate Major JOHN H. REYNOLDS.

Will review the files of the New York Office regarding JOHN H. REYNOLDS and will make inquiry regarding his reliability and reputation, and upon completion, will determine whether or not it would be advisable to interview Major REYNOLDS regarding the activities of the USS&S CORPORATION and WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

Will continue to make inquiry regarding the present activities of the subject organizations.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges, dated at New York, New York, October 18th, 1944, is as follows:

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[REDACTED]  
New York City,

kept confidential at their own request.

T-2 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Corn Exchange Bank,  
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street,  
New York City,

kept confidential at his own request.

T-3 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Chase National Bank,  
204 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City,

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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A 18548	9/2/44	1.48	J. Garfinkle	Refund on Parcel
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A 18556	9/6/44	1.50	"	1 invoice
A 18561	9/6/44	52.90	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899185
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A 18566	"	343.16	"	Lic. #12176-12200
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A 18548	9/5/44	7.00	"	cc Lic. #5978 & 5978
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A 18583	9/18/44	108.70	American Express Co.	Re: O # 4899189, etc.
A 18572	9/8/44	5.24	Mrs. A. Telbukor	Refund
A 18589	9/18/44	437.99	USS&S CORPORATION	License
A 18575	9/12/44	73.50	"	"
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A 18590	9/18/44	7.00	"	cc License
A 18584	9/18/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18585	9/18/44	1.00	NY Telephone Co.	Directory Advertising 9/1/44
A 18586	9/18/44	20.20	Rotograph Co., Inc.	Invoice
A 18594	9/20/44	1.75	Royal Typewriter Co.	Invoice
A 18595	9/20/44	73.73	New Union Press.	Invoice
A 18598	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll
A 18601	9/22/44	27.90	American Express Co.	Order
A 18596	9/21/44	27.90	"	"
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A 18562	9/6/44	1.72	Tatiana Paddama	Refund
A 18579	9/18/44	2.99	Philip Cohen	"
A 18587	9/18/44	19.25	Harry Kaplowitz	"
A 18610	9/30/44	9.13	Cash	Petty Cash Fund
A 18599	9/21/44	181.38	Cash	Weekly payroll

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9/18/44	568.32
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9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.73
9/22/44	212.68

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Deposits (Con'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	282.66
9/30/44	193.62

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The major portion of the above deposits were made in cash and the balance in checks. Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that the monthly bank statements of WORLD TOURISTS were picked up at the bank personally by either EDITH VILENTZ or E. L. BRAUFIELD.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of the USS&S CORPORATION at the Chase National Bank.

The USS&S CORPORATION has both a regular checking account and a special checking account. The special checking account, opened June 23rd, 1941, has had an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The regular checking account, opened March 4th, 1941, has had the following monthly balances since its opening:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
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February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	6,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	6,900.	7,300.	12,100.
June	23,400.	6,200.	6,600.	11,800.
July	14,500.	7,300.	6,900.	10,400.
August	6,200.	7,100.	—	
September	4,700.	7,100.	5,700.	
October	4,400.	6,500.	8,000.	
November	4,500.	6,500.	9,000.	
December	4,900.	6,100.	10,900.	
Average	8,300.	6,100.	6,200.	12,000.

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Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the transfer of funds to the STATE BANK OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, by the USSAS CORPORATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/5/42	\$ 1,700.
7/9/42	2,300.
8/10/42	2,300.
9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
4/15/43	3,630.
5/10/43	3,400.
6/10/43	2,000.
7/12/43	3,600.
8/10/43	5,400.
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A review of the records made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflected that the monthly average of funds transferred to the STATE BANK, Moscow, Russia, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, for 1943 was \$5,600 and for the first nine months in 1944 was \$5,200.

Mr. DANIEL LUXENBURG, of Spear and Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he was no longer real estate agent for the building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, inasmuch as the building had recently been sold. He advised that the agent for the new owners is OMNIA PROPERTIES, INC., 30 Broad Street, New York City.

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Mr. LUXEMBURG advised that he had no information regarding the present activities of the USSAS CORPORATION, which occupies office space at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, but stated that he knew JOHN H. REYNOLDS and advised that Mr. REYNOLDS is now a major in the United States Army and is believed to be stationed at Staten Island at the present time. He advised that he has seen nothing of a suspicious nature regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and could furnish no further information.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:-

Will attempt to locate Major JOHN H. REYNOLDS.

Will review the files of the New York Office regarding JOHN H. REYNOLDS and will make inquiry regarding his reliability and reputation, and upon completion, will determine whether or not it would be advisable to interview Major REYNOLDS regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

Will continue to make inquiry regarding the present activities of the subject organizations.



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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges, dated at New York, New York, October 18th, 1944, is as follows:

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New York City.

kept confidential at their own request.

T-2 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Corn Exchange Bank,  
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street,  
New York City.

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T-3 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
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TITLE CHANGED: WORLD TOURISTS, INC.; US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION; JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, with aliases: John H. Reynolds, J. H. Reynolds, Jack Reynolds; ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, with aliases: Elizabeth T. Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley; MAX L. SPECTOR, alias M. L. Spector			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (R)
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
<p>SYNOPSIS: WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently engaged in shipping service between US and Soviet Russia. Former president, JACOB GOLOS, died November 1943. Office of president has remained vacant to date. Activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. presently directed by subject ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY. Financial activities of WORLD TOURISTS, INC. set out. US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION remains active as package shipping agency, arranging for shipments of packages to Soviet Russia. President JOHN H. REYNOLDS, presently on duty with US Army, holds rank of major. Activities of US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION presently being directed by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, Vice President and Secretary. Financial activities set out. Monthly average for 1943 of transfer of funds by US SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORPORATION to INTOURIST, Soviet Russia, \$3,600; for first nine months 1944, \$5,200.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Bureau file 61-8328; Report of Special Agent J. E. Prater, dated at New York, N. Y., February 19th, 1942.</p>			
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9/18/44	382.72
9/18/44	558.31
9/19/44	488.32
9/20/44	232.57
9/21/44	617.75
9/22/44	212.68



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Deposits (Con'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/23/44	\$ 407.44
9/25/44	364.87
9/26/44	496.40
9/27/44	570.59
9/28/44	195.07
9/29/44	262.66
9/30/44	193.62
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	\$8,952.30

The major portion of the above deposits were made in cash and the balance in checks. Confidential Informant T-2 further advised that the monthly bank statements of WORLD TOURISTS were picked up at the bank personally by either EDITH VILENTZ or E. L. BRAUFIELD.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the banking activities of the USSAS CORPORATION at the Chase National Bank.

The USSAS CORPORATION has both a regular checking account and a special checking account. The special checking account, opened June 23rd, 1941, has had an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The regular checking account, opened March 4th, 1941, has had the following monthly balances since its opening:

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>
January	\$ 7,800.	\$ 4,100.	\$ 5,400.	\$11,200.
February		4,100.	4,700.	13,200.
March	7,800.	4,700.	4,200.	13,400.
April	10,400.	8,000.	5,600.	13,000.
May	19,300.	5,900.	7,300.	12,100.
June	23,400.	6,200.	8,800.	11,800.
July	14,500.	7,300.	6,900.	10,400.
August	6,200.	7,100.	--	
September	4,700.	7,100.	5,700.	
October	4,400.	6,500.	8,000.	
November	4,500.	6,500.	9,000.	
December	4,900.	6,100.	10,900.	
Average	8,300.	6,100.	6,200.	12,000.

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Confidential Informant T-3 furnished the following information regarding the transfer of funds to the STATE BANK OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, by the USS&S CORPORATION:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/5/42	\$ 1,700.
7/9/42	2,300.
8/10/42	2,300.
9/9/42	2,400.
10/9/42	1,350.
11/10/42	1,400.
12/10/42	1,000.
1/11/43	800.
2/11/43	1,700.
3/13/43	1,750.
4/15/43	3,630.
5/10/43	3,400.
6/10/43	2,000.
7/12/43	3,600.
8/10/43	5,400.
9/13/43	5,300.
10/9/43	4,300.
11/10/43	6,400.
12/10/43	3,800.
1/10/44	3,800.
2/14/44	4,500.
3/14/44	3,900.
4/10/44	5,400.
5/10/44	4,900.
6/9/44	5,100.
7/13/44	7,800.

A review of the records made available by Confidential Informant T-3 reflected that the monthly average of funds transferred to the STATE BANK, Moscow, Russia, for the account of the USSR travel agency, INTOURIST, for 1943 was \$3,600 and for the first nine months in 1944 was \$5,200.

Mr. DANIEL LUXENBURG, of Spear and Company, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he was no longer real estate agent for the building at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, inasmuch as the building had recently been sold. He advised that the agent for the new owners is OMNIA PROPERTIES, INC., 30 Broad Street, New York City.

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Mr. LUXEMBURG advised that he had no information regarding the present activities of the USSAS CORPORATION, which occupies office space at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, but stated that he knew JOHN H. REYNOLDS and advised that Mr. REYNOLDS is now a major in the United States Army and is believed to be stationed at Staten Island at the present time. He advised that he has seen nothing of a suspicious nature regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and could furnish no further information.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADSNEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:-

Will attempt to locate Major JOHN E. REYNOLDS.

Will review the files of the New York Office regarding JOHN E. REYNOLDS and will make inquiry regarding his reliability and reputation, and upon completion, will determine whether or not it would be advisable to interview Major REYNOLDS regarding the activities of the USSAS CORPORATION and WORLD TOURISTS, INC.

Will continue to make inquiry regarding the present activities of the subject organizations.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Herbert K. Garges, dated at New York, New York, October 18th, 1944, is as follows:

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[REDACTED]  
New York City,

kept confidential at their own request.

T-2 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Corn Exchange Bank,  
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street,  
New York City,

kept confidential at his own request.

T-3 (b)(7)(D)

[REDACTED]  
Chase National Bank,  
204 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City,

kept confidential at his own request.